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DRAWING ON.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22, 1896.

The time is drawing close when the battle of ballots is to be fought all over this country. And on the result of the contest hangs the weal or woe of the country. Certainly is this true as to North Carolina.

The final proposition was made by the Democrats to the Populists last week, looking to co-operation, in order as Governor of North Carolina. The Democrats, with three times the number of voters that belong to the Populist party, proposed an equal division of names on the State ticket; but the Populist rejected it, and said in subbe useless.

it is not certain. Chairman Manly straight. thinks that the Democrats have a chance of electing Watson and the entire Democratic ticket without the formal co-operation of the Populists; for many Populists will vote the Democratic ticket rather than see Russell

As to whether or not the Populists have been altogether sincere in their declarations and actions, we will not forbid that we should use time and space for that—we may analyze that part of the situation after the election.

The matter of great concern to the good citizens of this State now, is the question as to whether or not Russell and his crowd shall get control of North Carolina. We must make muly fight, and abide the results. No self-respecting white man or colored man ought to be willing to vote for Russell for Governor or do anything that will aid in his election; but every single act that tends to divide the vote of those who have heretofore been Democrats and have helped fight Republicanism, helps towards Russell's election. With his record of years ago North Carolina may well turn pale with fright at the thought of his coming into the place of chief magistrate of the commonwealth.

It ought not to be. Shall it be? But the chief concern of most of the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH, is the result of the election as it shall touch Halifax county.

Will men who have been so strong in their claims for free silver, so stultify themselves as to vote for members to the Legislature who will as certainly vote for a gold Senator as they get there? How can any Populist who hopes ever to hold up his head again in the bright light of day and claim to be sincere, afford to vote the fusion ticket in this county?

How can any one of that party support the fusion ticket in this county and honestly claim 'that he is a sincere man?

Proye it to us and we will declare that all the laws and rules of logic we haye ever known are false.

WATSON'S MAJORITY 10,000.

The Wilmington Star Tuesday printed a tabulated statement of the vote in the State, which by conserva tive estimation, gives Watson 10,000 majority over Russell.

WHO IS HE?

The Philadelphia Record of 19th said :

Even in North Carolina the friends of Sound Money are making a steady contest. A correspondent writes from Oxford, N. C., October 16, to "The Record" as follows:

"It may interest you to know that the prospect of a victory for Sound Money grows brighter daily. Every effort at Populists-Democratic fusion helps us, and there is a new deal every

"That the political rascals are thororoughly scared is shown by the sinking of all differences and a desperate attempt to get into one camp and join all their forces to hold on to the spoils of office, which they teel to be slowly, but surely slipping from their grasp.

And THE COMMONWEALTH would like to know who he is and by what code he calls others political "rascals" just because they disagree with him. Poor policy, this.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C., Oct. 20, '96. A Sunday-school township convention was held at Bethlehem Baptist church in Littleton township October 17th. There are ten Sunday schools in the territory, but not all represented. There were pastors, superintendents, teachers, pupils and non-attendantssomething less than two hundred in all. President of the county Sundayschool Association was present

At 11 o'clock Mr. A. E. Carter, chief executive for Littleton work, called the meeting to order, and with printed programme as a guide pressed the work until adjournment at 4:20 p. m.

Mess. Whitaker, Wilcox, Brown, Carter and others were active in the work. The house-to-house canvass and Home to forestall the election of D. L. Russell Department of this great agency of the church was urged by the President of the county association.

The temperance meeting at Brinkleyville 23rd was published.

W. C. W.

The Republican party is moving evstance that further propositions would ery possible force for a farge vote in this election. The Dunkards of Penn-So the fight is still three-cornered, sylvania, a religious sect that as a body a Dish Washer. I don't canvass at all; which means that there is a strong have not voted in nine years, will this probability of Russell's election, though time vote the Republican ticket

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